

Information: **Limited Purpose State Identification Card**

City and County of Honolulu • Department of Customer Services

Background:

- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security allows individuals to possess only one REAL ID credential.
- In 2022 the Hawai'i Legislature determined that many residents who do not drive – from young adults to houseless persons, undocumented immigrants or lawfully present non-immigrants – may be unable to meet the stringent requirements for a REAL ID-compliant state ID card.
- Governor Ige signed [ACT 295](#) on July 12, 2022, for those who are unable to provide satisfactory proof of authorized presence in the United States but have an urgent need for documentation to access public and financial services.
 - Individuals already possessing REAL ID credentials do not have the same need because an out-of-state driver's license or state ID can be used in Hawai'i for banking, obtaining medical services and medications, and other transactions requiring validation of identity or age.
 - **ACT 295 makes a person in possession of a REAL ID document ineligible for a limited purpose identification card.**
 - Forty states are single-credential states, meaning that residents are prohibited from holding another credential, including a non-compliant or limited purpose credential, in another state.
 - If Hawai'i issues a limited purpose state ID to someone from one of these states, the home state would automatically invalidate the individual's REAL ID credential.

Implementation of ACT 295, Limited purpose identification cards:

- ACT 295 has been incorporated into the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 286, Part XVI, [286-301.6](#) Limited purpose identification cards.
- The Hawai'i Department of Transportation has drafted administrative rules to govern the issuance of limited purpose state IDs in the state's four counties, with a recommendation of having the same document requirements for a limited purpose state ID that are in place for a limited purpose driver's license.
- The next step in the implementation process, development of a unique design/color scheme for the new Hawai'i limited purpose state identification card, is underway.

Information for City and County of Honolulu residents and visitors:

- **Limited purpose identification cards are not yet available for issuance in Hawai'i.**
- When this credential becomes available, you are not allowed to have both a limited purpose state ID and a REAL ID (white star in a gold circle) credential.
- The limited purpose state ID is intended for those unable to provide satisfactory proof of authorized presence in the United States, but have an urgent need for documentation to access public and financial services.
- Visitors with a REAL ID credential who are trying to get another credential issued from Hawai'i are encouraged to check with their state's laws and rules on multiple credential issuance to avoid having their REAL ID credential invalidated by the issuing authority.

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